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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following documents:

U.S. Patents

Logston et al.	5,481,542	(01/02/96)
Davis et al.	5,559,548	(09/24/96)
Hendricks et al.	5,559,549	(09/24/96)
Miller et al.	5,585,866	(12/17/96)
Knee et al.	5,589,892	(12/31/96)
Hendricks et al.	5,600,364	(02/04/97)
Hendricks et al.	5,600,573	(02/04/97)
Alten et al.	5,635,978	(06/03/97)
Kostreski et al.	5,635,979	(06/03/97)
Hendricks et al.	5,659,350	(08/19/97)
Hendricks et al.	5,682,195	(10/28/97)
Hendricks et al.	5,734,853	(03/31/98)
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LaJoie et al.	5,850,218	(12/15/98)
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Killian	6,163,316	(10/03/97)
Shoff et al.	6,240,555	(05/29/01)
Ghori et al.	6,282,714	(08/28/01)
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The aforementioned documents are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate). These documents were previously cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/145,232, filed September 1, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,665,869. Accordingly,

pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), no copies of these references accompany this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that all of the above documents be: (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants request that a copy of Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialized by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

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